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A.—(a) & (b) Land assigned to ex-service men is liable to resumption by Government in case of alienation by way of sale, gift, mortgage or lease in perpetuity within ten years from the date of the grant. Similarly, lands assigned to depressed classes are subject to resumption if alienated at any time in the manner above described except to other members of the same class. A lease other than a perpetual lease is a method of enjoyment which is not forbidden by the terms of the grant.

Assignment of lands to an Adi-Dravida in Gudiyattam taluk

* 19 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that an Adi-Dravida of Ambur, Vedamakkam, applied to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirupattur, and the Collector of North Arcot for the assignment by darkhast of lands, survey Nos. 342 and 343 in the village of Balur, Gudiyattam taluk, on 5th February 1923 and several times afterwards;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam taluk declined to assign the said lands to the petitioner in question;

(c) whether it is a fact that a rich caste man, one Kannayya Nayudu, is now permitted to cultivate the lands mentioned above and that they will be soon assigned to him; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a), (b) and (c), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government do not know whether or no the facts are as alleged in the question.

(d) As the darkhast rules provide for an appeal and also in certain circumstances for revision, the Government do not propose to intervene at this stage.

MR. R. VEERIAN:—“With reference to answer to (a), (b) and (c), may I know if there is any difficulty in calling for the information? If so, what are the difficulties?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“The only difficulty is that this matter is subject to an appeal in the ordinary course. In the existing state of affairs the Government do not wish to interfere.”

MR. R. VEERIAN:—“I have not heard a word of the reply, Sir.”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“The reason, Sir, is given in clause (d) of the answer.”

Alleged auctioning of lands reserved for depressed classes.

* 20 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is the practice to exhibit a copy of the list containing darkhast lands available for assignment to the depressed classes in all the village chavadis and in taluk offices;

(b) why lands intended for assignment to the depressed classes are generally being auctioned; and

(c) whether the Government are aware of such instances?

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A.—(a) At the instance of the Government the Board of Revenue has recently issued instructions to the Collectors of all districts that a list of the lands available for assignment to members of the depressed classes should be hung up not only in the village chavadi but also in the cheri temple or any place of worship or communal meeting place of the members of the depressed classes. The rules do not require a copy of the list to be hung up in taluk offices.

(b) & (c) The Government are not aware of any such instances.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know if the Government are aware that the instructions they issue are not strictly observed and carried out by their officers and subordinates?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ No, Sir.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know whether these lists are available to private people who want to work for the cause of the depressed classes and secure for them their legitimate requirements?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I should think so, Sir.”

Supply of water to the Adi-Dravidas of Nanjai Nagathu Valkai Cheri, Chidambaram taluk.

* 21 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether on the afternoon of the 20th March 1925, Mr. V. Rama Sastri, the Stationary Sub-Magistrate of Chidambaram, was engaged in hearing a petition of the Adi-Dravidas of Nanjai Nagathu Valkai Cheri, Chidambaram taluk, praying for permission to take water from the only tank at Nanjai Nagathu Valkai village monopolised by the caste Hindus;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of Adi-Dravidas represented by Mr. Mukarrams and a number of Padaiyachis caste people who opposed the petition were present at the time of hearing;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the karnam of the village, a caste man, was examined who, in supporting the Adi-Dravidas, said that he had on many occasions seen the Adi-Dravida women ousted out by the Padaiyachis caste people when they attempted to take water from the tank, and that the period of $2\frac{1}{2}$ months from the 31st of March to the 15th of June was one of scarcity of water for the Adi-Dravidas;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Magistrate said that he would forward the statements to the Subdivisional Officer, Chidambaram, who would pass orders; and

(e) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information.

(e) As the questions indicate that the matter is under disposal by the district officers, the Government do not consider it necessary to call for a report at this stage.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know whether the Government will be pleased to furnish a copy of the order of disposal of the matter by the district officer?”